

## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a schedule guide system comprising:

storing data containing television schedule information, including titles of current and future television shows for particular channels in a computer readable memory;

displaying a plurality of cells listing a portion of a schedule guide based on said stored data and the television shows presently available for viewing over substantially all of a screen; and

visually distinguishing portions of cells corresponding to portions of current television shows in play with a first visually distinguishing characteristic from cells corresponding to future television shows and portions of cells corresponding to portions of current television shows yet to be played with a second visually distinguishing characteristic.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 wherein the first and the second visually distinguishing current television shows from future television shows is performed by characteristics comprise different background colors color coding portions of the cells corresponding to portions of the current television shows in play with one color and the cells corresponding to future television shows and portions of cells corresponding to portions of current television shows yet to be played with another color.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the television schedule information is updated every half hour a few minutes before the half hour.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the television schedule information is updated approximately three minutes before the half hour.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further comprising displaying a cell division line between television shows to indicate that a show is beginning or is already in play.

36. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a schedule guide system comprising:

storing data containing television schedule information, including titles of current and future television shows for particular channels in a computer readable memory;

displaying a plurality of cells listing a portion of a schedule guide based on said stored data and the television shows presently available for viewing as an overlay to a current television show; and

visually distinguishing portions of cells corresponding to portions of current television shows in play with a first visually distinguishing characteristic from cells corresponding to future television shows and portions of cells corresponding to portions of current television shows yet to be played with a second visually distinguishing characteristic.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 36 wherein the first and the second visually

~~distinguishing current television shows from future television shows is performed by characteristics comprise different background colors color coding portions of the cells corresponding to portions of the current television shows in play with one color and the cells corresponding to future television shows and portions of cells corresponding to portions of current television shows yet to be played with another color.~~

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36 wherein the television schedule information is updated every half hour a few minutes before the half hour.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the television schedule information is updated approximately three minutes before the half hour.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36 further comprising displaying a cell division line between television shows to indicate that a show is beginning or is already in play.

41. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the first and the second visually distinguishing characteristics comprise different fonts.

42. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the first and the second visually distinguishing characteristics comprise different fonts.

43. (New) A schedule guide system implemented at least partially on a peripheral device comprising:  
a computer-readable storage medium;

software located within the peripheral device configured to:

store data containing television schedule information, including titles of current and future television shows for particular channels in a computer readable memory;

display a plurality of cells listing a portion of a schedule guide based on said stored data and the television shows presently available for viewing; and

visually distinguishing portions of cells corresponding to portions of current television shows in play with a first visually distinguishing characteristic from cells corresponding to future television shows and portions of cells corresponding to portions of current television shows yet to be played with a second visually distinguishing characteristic.

44. (New) The system of claim 43 wherein the peripheral device is further configured to display the plurality of cells for viewing over substantially all of a screen.

45. (New) The system of claim 43 wherein the peripheral device is further configured to display the plurality of cells as an overlay to a current television show.

46. (New) The system of claim 43 wherein the first and the second visually distinguishing characteristics comprise different background colors.

47. (New) The system of claim 43 wherein the television schedule information is updated every half hour a few minutes before the half hour.

48. (New) The system of claim 43 wherein the television schedule information is updated approximately three minutes before the half hour.

49. (New) The system of claim 43 further comprising displaying a cell division line between television shows to indicate that a show is beginning or is already in play.

50. (New) The system of claim 43 wherein the first and the second visually distinguishing characteristics comprise different fonts.